

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed November 30, 2006. As of the mailing of this Action claims 1-67 are pending and claims 51 and 55 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-50, 52-54, and 56-67 are subject to restriction and election requirements. Applicant presents herein, amended claims in response to the current Action.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of Examiner Ahmed in granting a telephonic interview of November 24, 2006 to Applicant's representative. Applicant further acknowledges each of the dependency corrections as set for the in the Examiner's Interview Summary of November 24, 2006.

REPLY TO ACTION

The current Office Action requires a restriction requirement and election of species. In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant elects herein, claims 23-25, the claims of Group II as set forth in the Action.

Applicant respectfully submits herein claims 23-25, and amended claims, 27, 29, 31-32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 47, 48, and 51 that have been amended to depend ultimately on elected independent claim 23.

In accordance with the species election requirement in the Action, applicant is electing the supplements of claim 31, and the dissolution profile of claim 48.

Accordingly, claims 1-22, 26, 30, 46, 49, 50, and 52-67 have been withdrawn by this amendment.

Applicant additionally is presenting new claims 68 and 69 for examination. New claims 68 and 69 are congruous in scope with previously presented claims 7 and 8 respectively, with the dependency of claims 68 and 69 on elected independent claim 23.

Applicant asserts no new matter has been added by any of these amendments.

Based on the amendments presented herein, applicant respectfully asserts the application is now in condition for examination on the merits. If the Examiner believes there are any issues that have not been resolved, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned representative who is Attorney of record in this case.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0734 should any additional fee(s) be required in the filing of this paper to expedite the examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Barman', is written over a horizontal line.

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